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A study on synthesis and antimicrobial activity of 4-acyl-pyrazoles

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Pyrazole; Pyrazolo-pyridazine; Furandione; Oxazine; Pyrrole; Chromone; Antibacterial activity Abstract 4-Acyl-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acids (1) were synthesized via the reaction of 4-acyl-2,3furandiones (F) with hydrazone (1-benzylidene-2-(2,5-dimethyl-phenyl)-hydrazine) by heating under solid phase and their acid chlorides (2) were obtained. Then these derivatives were easily converted into the corresponding derivatives such as ester, amide, ureide, pyrazolo-pyridazine, etc. Totally 62 new compounds were synthesized. The structures of these new synthesized compounds were determined by spectroscopic methods and the *in vitro* antibacterial activity of newly synthesized compounds were carried out against some gram-positive and gram-negative bacteria by well diffusion method (zone inhibition). Our results have showed that these new synthesized compounds have much potent of antibacterial activity owing to containing of pyrazole and/or pyridazine, chromone, oxazine, furane, and pyrrole rings. Some of the new pyrazole derivatives exhibited higher activities than reference drugs against the representative bacteria.

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1. Introduction

Natural antibiotic compounds used in the treatment and prevention of bacterial infection have become necessary for the current health care system, assisting and complementing the natural immune system against microbial pathogens. However, because conventional antibiotics are often abused/over-

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used to treat microbial infections, some microorganisms have developed resistance to some of these antibiotics [1]. So the medical communities are faced in a serious problem with antimicrobial and antibiotic resistance, so much as to prompt the World Health Organization (WHO) to classify antimicrobial resistance as a "serious threat that is no longer a prediction for the future, it is happening right now in every region of the world and has the potential to affect anyone, of any age, in any country" ("WHO's first global report on antibiotic resistance reveals serious, worldwide threat to public health" The World Health Organization, April 30, 2014. Retrieved December 21, 2014.). These bacterial strains that are resistant to conventional antibacterial therapies have prompted the development of novel efficient antibiotic agents that are alternatives to conventional antibacterial therapies [2,3].

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On the other hand, the pyrazole ring that contains a fivemembered heterocyclic organic compound with two adjacent nitrogen atoms is a prominent heterocyclic scaffold in lots of bioactive molecules. They are important substances and have gained widespread attention in agrochemical, pharmaceutical and chemical industries [4]. They possess a wide range of biological activities [5–8], including antimicrobial [9–16], antiviral [17-20], anticancer [21,22], antiinflammatory [23-26], antihistaminic [27], pesticidal [28], antifungal [29-31], against rheumatoid arthritis [32], anticonvulsant [33], antidepressant [34], antipyretic [35,36], antibacterial [37,38] agents, etc. and these bio-activities have inspired chemists to synthesize substituted pyrazole systems to explore the usefulness of this heterocyclic template. In recent years, a number of pyrazolecontaining compounds have been successfully commercialized such as the blockbuster drugs Viagra (Sildenafil inhibits phosphodiesterase) [39], Celebrex [40] (Celecoxib demonstrates antiinflammation effect and inhibits COX-2), Rimonabant (trade name Acomplia) functions as cannabinoid receptor and is utilized in obesity treatment, Fomepizole (It is on the World Health Organization's List of Essential Medicines) inhibits alcohol dehydrogenase, Ceftolozane (Zerbaxa) is a 5th generation cephalosporin antibiotic (Food and Drug Administration approved on 2014), Pyrazomycin (Pyrazofurin) antiviral agents, hormone oxytocin agonists (WAY-VNA-932). Moreover, some pyrazole-containing compounds are used as α -Helix mimetic [41] and applied as ligands for the transition-metal-catalyzed cross-coupling reactions [42,43] (Fig. 1).

As a matter of fact, pyrazole derivatives have been studied for a long time as an important class of heterocyclic compounds and still continue to attract considerable attention according to all this information. Hence, these ones are popular targets for synthetic chemists. Classic methods for the synthesis of pyrazoles involve the approaches based either on the condensation of hydrazines with 1,3-dicarbonyl compounds [44,45] and their 1,3-dielectrophilic equivalents including α,β unsaturated aldehydes and ketones [46] or on the intermolecular 1,3-dipolar cycloaddition of diazoalkanes and nitrilimines with alkenes and alkynes [47,48]. A simple and effective procedure in the preparation of pyrazole derivatives is the nucleophilic addition of hydrazines to 4-acyl-5-phenyl-2,3furandiones **F** [49] in various solvent or solventless [50–53].

In addition, heterocyclic scaffolds such as pyridazine, chromone, oxazine, furane and pyrrole derivatives have various and valuable biological activities such as antimicrobial, anticancer, anti-HIV and antimalarial properties [54–58]. Within the present study, we prepared a series of 4-acylpyrazole containing aforementioned active pharmacophores in order to incorporate them in a novel single molecule. Besides, we aimed to report (1) synthesis, (2) characterization of unknown analogs of 4-acyl-pyrazole derivatives and (3) antibacterial activities of newly synthesized 4-acyl-pyrazoles against representative gram-negative and gram-positive bacteria. Hence, this work might be a precious *original mini review* for pyrazole chemistry particularly for 4-acyl-pyrazole derivatives and their bioactivities.

2. Experimental

2.1. Materials and methods

All reagents and solvents were of reagent grade quality and were obtained from commercial suppliers. All solvents were dried by refluxing with appropriate drying agents and distilled before use. Follow up of the reactions and checking the purity of the compounds was made and tested in each step by TLC (SiO₂) using a DC Alufolien Kieselgel 60 F 254 Merck. Compounds were visualized by Camag TLC devices UV (254/366 nm). Melting points were determined on an Electrothermal Gallenkamp apparatus and are uncorrected. Elemental analyses were performed on Thermo Scientific Flash 2000. The FT-IR spectra were obtained as potassium bromide pellets using a Mattson 1000 FTIR spectrometer. The ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker Instrument Avance Series-Spectrospin DPX-400 Ultra Shield, using TMS as an internal standard. Chemical shifts are given in δ , ppm. Splitting patterns were designated as follows: s: singlet; d: doublet; t: triplet; q: quartet; m: multiplet; and br: broad. The mass spectrum was measured on Agilent LC/MSD spectrometers.

2.2. Synthesis of compounds

2.2.1. 4-Benzoyl-1-(2,5-dimethylphenyl)-5-phenyl-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (1a)

An equimolar mixture of furandione **F** (0.278 g, 1 mmole) and 1-benzylidine-2-(2,5-dimethylphenyl)hydrazine (0.224 g, 1 mmole) were reacted in solid phase for approximately 40 min. The oily residue obtained was treated with dry ether. The crude product formed was crystallized from an ethyl alcohol to give 0.38 g (75%) of **1a**, mp 202 °C; IR (ν , cm⁻¹): 3271 (O–H, COOH), 3040 (aromatic C–H), 2921 (aliph. C–H),



Figure 1 Some commercialized pyrazole-containing compounds.

1720 (C=O, COOH), 1659 (C=O, benzoyl), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ (ppm): 13.10 (br, 1H, -OH), 7.7– 6.96 (m, 13H, Ar–H), 2.23 (s, 3H, Ar–CH₃), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ (ppm): 191.42 (C=O, benzoyl), 162.75 (C=O, COOH), 144.48 (C₃), 143.67 (C₅), 142.33, 141.31, 138.91, 138.32, 138.04, 133.14, 130.73, 130.57, 129.70, 129.46, 129.30, 129.06, 128.78, 127.68, 127.89, 109.21 (C₄), 18.85, 14.19 (-CH₃). Anal. Cal. for C₂₆H₂₀N₂O₃ (396,44 g/mol): C, 75.74; H, 5.08; N, 7.07. Found: C, 75.67; H, 5.11; N, 7.15.

2.2.2. 1-(2,5-Dimethylphenyl)-4-(ethoxycarbonyl)-5-phenyl-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (1b)

An equimolar mixture of furandione F (0.246 g, 1 mmole) and 1-benzylidine-2-(2,5-dimethylphenyl)hydrazine (0.224 g, 1 mmole) were reacted solid phase for approximately 40 min. The oily residue obtained was treated with dry ether. The crude product formed was crystallized from a toluene to give 0.31 g (65%) of 1b, mp 202 °C, IR (v, cm⁻¹): 3246 (O-H, COOH), 3066 (aromatic C-H), 2918 (aliph. C-H), 1732 (C=O, ester), 1710 (C=O, COOH), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 9.88 (br, 1H, -OH), 7.97-6.81 (m, 8H, Ar-H), 4.18 (q, 2H, -CH₂), 2.19, 1.85 (s, 3H, Ar-CH₃), 1.31 (t, 3H, $-CH_3$), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 168.16 (C=O, ester), 166.09 (C=O, COOH), 145.59 (C₃), 144.37 (C₅), 143.60, 136.39, 135.49, 133.32, 132.10, 130.85, 129.73, 129.62, 129.30, 128.92, 128.45, 127.24, 114.19 (C₄), 60.73 (O-CH₂), 21.50, 17.50 (Ar-CH₃), 14.30 (-CH₃). Anal. Cal. for C₂₁H₂₀N₂O₄ (364,39 g/mol): C, 69.22; H, 5.53; N, 7.69. Found: C, 69.15; H, 5.50; N, 7.74.

2.2.3. 4-Benzoyl-1-(2,5-dimethylphenyl)-5-phenyl-1H-pyrazole-3-carbonyl chloride (2a)

Compound **1a** (0.397 g, 1 mmole) was refluxed with excessive SOCl₂ at 80 °C for about 7 h. Excessive SOCl₂ was evaporated. Remaining oily product was purified in dry ether/cyclohexane mixture, which was crystallized from n-hexane/cyclohexane, to yield 0.31 g (60%); mp 145 °C; IR (v, cm⁻¹): 3045 (aromatic C–H), 2920 (aliph. C–H), 1720 (C=O, acyl), 1664 (C=O, benzoyl), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.08–6.42 (m, 13H, Ar–H), 2.09, 1.75 (s, 3H, Ar–CH₃), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 193.12 (Ph–C=O), 167.77 (–COCl), 143.46 (C₃), 137.33 (C₅), 135.96, 135.33, 132.47, 132.24, 131.70, 130.41, 129.99, 129.74, 129.38, 128.81, 128.70, 128.25, 127.43, 126.88, 121.50 (C₄), 22.99, 14.05 (Ar–CH₃). Anal. Cal. for C₂₅H₁₉ClN₂O₂ (414,88 g/mol): C, 72.37; H, 4.62; N, 6.75. Found: C, 72.29; H, 4.61; N, 6.83.

2.2.4. Ethyl 3-(cholorocarbonyl)-1-(2,5-dimethylphenyl)-5-phenyl-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxylate (2b)

Compound **1b** (0.397 g, 1 mmole) was refluxed with excessive SOCl₂ at 80 °C for about 7 h. Excessive SOCl₂ was evaporated. Remaining oily product was purified in dry ether which was crystallized from toluene, to yield 0.31 g (65%), mp 118 °C; IR (v, cm⁻¹): 3090 (aromatic C–H), 2924 (aliph. C–H), 1723 (C=O, acyl), 1659 (C=O, ester), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.64–6.54 (m, 8H, Ar–H), 4.22 (q, 2H, –CH₂), 2.28, 1.73 (s, 3H, Ar–CH₃), 1.42 (t, 3H, –CH₃), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 167.34 (C=O, acyl), 164.50 (C=O, ester), 145.16 (C₃), 144.32 (C₅), 143.56, 136.79, 135.92, 134.14, 132.35, 131.44, 130.36, 129.70, 129.31,

128.38, 127.41, 126.16, 113.48 (C₄), 61.28 (O–CH₂), 24.20, 19.15 (Ar–CH₃), 15.70 (–CH₃). Anal. Cal. for C₂₁H₁₉ClN₂O₃ (382,84 g/mol): C, 65.88; H, 5.00; N, 7.32. Found: C, 65.78; H, 5.02; N, 7.41.

2.2.5. General procedure for synthesis of ester

Compound **3a-b** can be synthesized in two different methods. *Method A*: To the cold solution of the pyrazole acid **1a** (0.397 g, 1 mmole) in sulfuric acid was added a large excess of methanol with stirring. Then the reaction mixture was refluxed on a steam bath for 4 h with stirring. After cooling the precipitate formed was filtered off and crystallized from the same alcohol to give **3a-b**.

Method B: The acid chloride 2a (0.414 g, 1 mmole) and a moderate excess of the methyl alcohol were refluxed together with a catalytic amount of pyridine for 3 h. After cooling, the solution was acidified by adding diluted hydrochloric acid (12%) to give a crude solid that was crystallized from methyl alcohol.

2.2.5.1. Methyl 4-benzoyl-1-(2,5-dimethylphenyl)-5-phenyl-1Hpyrazole-3-carboxylate (**3a**). The yield was 0.35 g (85%), mp 180 °C; IR (v, cm⁻¹): 3100 (aromatic C–H), 2951 (aliph. C–H), 1723 (C=O, ester), 1663 (C=O, benzoyl), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.87–6.46 (m, 13H, Ar–H), 3.75 (s, 3H, –OCH₃), 2.11, 1.75 (s, 3H, Ar–CH₃), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 191.39 (C=O, benzoyl), 161.77 (C=O, ester), 144.81 (C₃), 143.29 (C₅), 142.06, 138.11, 136.29, 135.31, 133.30, 132.34, 129.96, 129.31, 128.57, 128.50, 128.25, 127.55, 126.82, 122.01, 107.15 (C₄), 52.18 (–CH₃), 18.91, 17.33 (Ar–CH₃). Anal. Cal. for C₂₆H₂₂N₂O₃ (410,46 g/mol): C, 76.08; H, 5.40; N, 6.82. Found: C, 75.97; H, 5.37; N, 6.91.

2.2.5.2. Ethyl 4-benzoyl-1-(2,5-dimethylphenyl)-5-phenyl-1Hpyrazole-3-carboxylate (**3b**). Compound **3b** was obtained in 70% yield (0.31 g) by method A and B. IR (v, cm⁻¹): 3100 (aromatic C–H), 2924 (aliph. C–H), 1718 (C=O, ester), 1666 (C=O, benzoyl), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.89–6.93 (m, 13H, Ar–H), 4.19 (q, 2H, -OCH₂), 2.2, 1.7 (s, 3H, Ar–CH₃), 1.07 (t, 3H, –CH₃), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 191.44 (C=O, benzoyl), 161.29 (C=O, ester), 144.81 (C₃), 143.29 (C₅), 142.35, 140.51, 139.42, 138.51, 135.61, 133.29, 132.34, 131.35, 130.04, 129.37, 128.56, 128.51, 128.24, 127.63, 126.81, 121.71 (C₄), 61.35 (O–CH₂), 18.93, 17.37 (Ar–CH₃), 13.80 (–CH₃). Anal. Cal. for C₂₇H₂₄N₂O₃ (424,49 g/mol): C, 76.39; H, 5.70; N, 6.60. Found: C, 76.32; H, 5.73; N, 6.65.

2.2.6. 4-Benzoyl-1-(2,5-dimethylphenyl)-5-phenyl-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxamide (3c)

A moderate stream of gaseous ammonia was allowed to bubble through a solution of pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid chloride **2a** (0.414 g, 1 mmole) in 20 mL hexane during 30 min with ice-cooling. Then the crude precipitate was isolated by filtration and crystallized from methanol to give 0.29 g (70%) of **3c**, mp 293 °C; IR (v, cm⁻¹): 3434 (–NH₂), 3080 (aromatic C–H), 2910 (aliph. C–H), 1693 (C=O, benzoyl), 1664 (C=O, amide), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.89–6.93 (m, 8H, Ar–H), 5.46 (b, 2H, –NH₂), 2.14, 1.82 (s, 3H, Ar–CH₃), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 192.90

(C=O, benzoyl), 163.29 (C=O, amide), 146.69 (C₃), 142.51 (C₅), 137.91, 137.46, 136.24, 133.33, 131.76, 130.78, 129.60, 129.54, 129.41, 129.25, 129.10, 128.32, 128.13, 127.70, 120.95 (C₄), 20.74, 17.12 (Ar–CH₃). Anal. Cal. for $C_{25}H_{21}N_3O_2$ (395,45 g/mol): C, 75.93; H, 5.35; N, 10.63. Found: C, 75.84; H, 5.37; N, 10.69.

2.2.7. 4-Benzoyl-1-(2,5-dimethylphenyl)-N,5-diphenyl-1Hpyrazole-3-carboxamide (**3d**)

An equimolar mixture of the acid chloride 2a (0.414 g. 1 mmole) and *n*-phenyl amine (1 mmole) was refluxed in xylene for 4 h. After evaporation, the oily residue was treated with dry ether and the formed crude product was crystallized from ether/chloroform. The yield 0.3 g (60%), mp 205 °C; IR (v, cm⁻¹): 3224 (-NH), 3040 (aroma. C-H), 2910 (aliph. C-H), 1693 (C=O, benzovl), 1664 (C=O, amide), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 9.02 (b, 1H, NH), 7.88– 6.73 (m, 13H, Ar-H), 2.18, 1.75 (s, 3H, Ar-CH₃), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 191.56 (C=O, benzoyl), 163.61 (C=O, amide), 145.60 (C₃), 142.18 (C₅), 137.63, 136.66, 133.70, 133.64, 132.36, 131.93, 131.39, 129.60, 129.56, 129.40, 129.38, 129.25, 129.29, 128.56, 128.20, 127.60, 126.12, 122.21 (C₄), 21.70, 17.37 (Ar-CH₃). Anal. Cal. for C₃₁H₂₅N₃O₂ (471,55 g/mol): C, 78.96; H, 5.34; N, 8.91. Found: C, 78.85; H, 5.32; N, 8.91.

2.2.8. 4-(4-Benzoyl-1-(2,5-dimethylphenyl)-5-phenyl-1Hpyrazole-3-carboxamido)- benzene-sulfonic acid (3e)

A miliequimolar mixture of compound 2a and 4aminobenzenesulfonic acid were refluxed in toluene for 6 h. After the solvent was removed by evaporation, the oily residue was treated with ether and the crude product formed was crystallized from methanol. The yield was 0.23 g (40%), mp 222 °C; IR (v, cm⁻¹): 3100 (aromatic C-H), 2922 (aliph. C-H), 1669 (C=O, benzoyl), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 10.02 (s, 1H, -NH), 8.82-6.88 (m, 17H, Ar-H), 2.36 (b, 1H, -OH), 2.2, 1.85 (s, 3H, Ar-CH₃). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 191.76 (C=O, benzoyl), 162.79 (C=O, amide), 143.68 (C₃), 141.57 (C₅), 143.36, 133.27, 132.70, 131.86, 130.86, 130.51, 130.16, 129.80, 129.40, 129.30, 128.93, 128.37, 128.20, 125.96, 125.32, 124.48 (C₄), 21.54, 17.37 $(Ar-CH_3)$. Anal. Cal. for C31H25N3O5S (551,61 g/mol): C, 67.50; H, 4.57; N, 7.62. Found: C, 67.41; H, 4.60; N, 7.68.

2.2.9. 4-2-(4-Benzoyl-1-(2,5-dimethylphenyl)-5-phenyl-1Hpyrazole-3-carbonyl)-hydrazinyl- benzene-sulfonic acid (3f)

Compound **3f** was prepared according to the synthesis of **3e**. The yield was 0.36 g (60%), mp 243 °C; IR (v, cm⁻¹): 3131–3144 (–NH), 3000 (aromatic C–H), 2984 (aliph. C–H), 1669 (C=O, benzoyl), 1669 (HN–C=O), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 10.08 (b, 2H, –NH), 7.89–6.58 (m, 17H, Ar–H), 5.65 (d, 2H, –NH), 2.2, 1.85 (s, 3H, Ar–CH₃), 1.90 (b, 1H, –OH), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 192.62 (C=O, benzoyl), 164.13 (C=O, amide), 146.13 (C₃), 144.32 (C₅), 141.12, 139.57, 136.41, 134.55, 133.67, 133.36, 132.65, 132.53, 131.77, 131.02, 130.79, 130.63, 130.21, 129.84, 129.46, 129.04, 128.73, 128.54, 128.02, 127.45, 127.20, 121.40, 121.23 (C₄), 20.74, 16.89 (Ar–CH₃), MS (*m*/*z*): Calc. = 566.1, Found = 566.1.

2.2.10. 1-(4-Benzoyl-1-(2,5-dimethylphenyl)-5-phenyl-1Hpyrazole-3-carbonyl)-urea (**3g**)

The yield 0.37 g (80%), mp 199 °C; IR (v, cm⁻¹): 3421 (b, -NH), 3072 (aromatic C–H), 2846 (aliph. C–H), 1703 (C=O, benzoyl), 1664 (C=O, urea), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 9.01 (b, 1H, –NH), 7.83–6.44 (m, 13H, Ar–H), 5.64 (s, 2H, –NH₂), 2.14, 1.76 (s, 3H, Ar–CH₃), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 194.43 (C=O, benzoyl), 162.89 (C=O, amide), 160.47 (C=O, urea), 145.46 (C₃), 144.69 (C₅), 143.28, 142.42, 140.88, 138.14, 137.46, 136.31, 135.49, 133.61, 132.20, 131.60, 129.67, 129.56, 128.58, 128.17, 127.73, 127.04, 126.01, 120.72 (C₄), 19.02, 17.34 (Ar–CH₃). Anal. Cal. for C₂₆H₂₂N₄O₃ (438,48 g/mol): C, 71.22; H, 5.06; N, 12.78. Found: C, 71.16; H, 5.04; N, 12.84.

2.2.11. 1-(4-Benzoyl-1-(2,5-dimethylphenyl)-5-phenyl-1Hpyrazole-3-carbonyl)-3-methylurea (**3h**)

(0.33 g, 70%), mp 185 °C; IR (v, cm⁻¹): 3335–3121 (b, –NH), 3059 (aromatic C–H), 2865 (aliph. C–H), 1668 (C=O, benzoyl), 1668 (C=O, urea), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 9.05 (b, 1H, –NH), 7.83–6.44 (m, 13H, Ar–H), 6.31 (q, 1H, –NH), 2.54 (d, 3H, CH₃), 2.02, 1.76 (s, 3H, Ar–CH₃), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 191.08 (C=O, benzoyl), 161.55 (C=O, amide), 160.00 (C=O, urea), 145.95 (C₃), 142.08 (C₅), 141.13, 137.62, 136.97, 133.64, 131.71, 131.12, 131.00, 129.84, 129.60, 129.51, 129.40, 128.60, 128.15, 127.11, 125.31, 121.78 (C₄), 37.60 (N-CH₃), 19.02, 17.34 (Ar–CH₃). Anal. Cal. for C₂₇H₂₄N₄O₃ (452,50 g/mol): C, 71.67; H, 5.35; N, 12.38. Found: C, 71.59; H, 5.37; N, 12.45.

2.2.12. 1-(4-Benzoyl-1-(2,5-dimethylphenyl)-5-phenyl-1Hpyrazole-3-carbonyl)-3-phenylurea (**3i**)

(0.38 g, 70%); mp 200 °C; IR (v, cm⁻¹): 3389–3154 (b, –NH), 3060 (aromatic C–H), 2925 (aliph. C–H), 1670 (C=O, benzoyl), 1670 (C=O, urea), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 191.64 (C=O, benzoyl), 166.92 (C=O, amide), 165.14 (C=O, urea), 145.71 (C₃), 144.30 (C₅), 138.23, 135.49, 133.44, 132.12, 131.69, 131.29, 130.93, 129.82, 129.37, 129.25, 129.04, 128.68, 128.18, 127.74, 114.21 (C₄), 19.74, 17.11 (Ar–CH₃). Anal. Cal. for C₃₂H₂₆N₄O₃ (514,57 g/mol): C, 74.69; H, 5.09; N, 10.89. Found: C, 74.60; H, 5.10; N, 10.93.

2.2.13. 4-benzoyl-1-(2,5-dimethylphenyl)-5-phenyl-1Hpyrazole-3-carbonyl isothiocyanate (**3j**)

Compound 5 of 0.199 g (0.5 mmole) was dissolved in 20 mL anhydrous acetone and to a solution of 0.38 g, 0.5 mmole ammonium thiocyanate in dry acetone added the reaction pot. The reaction mixture refluxed four hour in a roundbottom flask equipped with condenser and the solvent was evaporated and residue compound was washed with ether and the formed precipitated product was filtered and the crude product was from n-hexane/ether by crystallization. (0,18 g, 60%), mp 159 °C; IR (v, cm⁻¹): 3053-3023 (aromatic C-H), 2957 (aliph. C-H), 1698 (C=O, benzoyl), 1670 (C=O), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.78–6.97 (m, 13H, Ar–H), 2.09, 1.27 (s, 3H, Ar–CH₃), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 190.24 (C=O, benzoyl), 183.01 (C=O), 147.13 (N=C=S), 143.63 (C₃), 141.59 (C₅), 138.03, 137.89, 136.44, 135.80, 134.66, 133.23, 131.14, 131.08, 129.18, 126.11, 114.89, 109.19 (C₄), 19.77, 17.96 (Ar-CH₃). Anal. Cal. for C₂₆H₁₉N₃O₂S (437,51 g/mol): C, 71.38; H, 4.38; N, 9.60. Found: C, 71.29; H, 4.40; N, 9.65.

2.2.14. 1-(4-benzoyl-1-(2,5-dimethylphenyl)-5-phenyl-1Hpyrazole-3-carbonyl)thiourea (3k)

Compound 3k can be synthesized in two different methods.

Method A: Compound **2a** of 0.404 g, 1 mmole and 0,038 g, 1 mmole thiourea was refluxed in xylene for 5 h. After evaporation, the oily residue was treated with dry ether, the formed precipitated product was filtered and the crude product was crystallized from ethanol (0.05 g, 21%).

Method B: Compound 3i of 0.219 g, 0.5 mmole was dissolved in 10 mL anhydrous acetone and drop wise addition of ammonia was heated at reflux temperature for 4 h. After heating to room temperature, stirring was continued 1 h afterward poured into 10 mL cold water, the formed precipitated product was filtered and the crude product was crystallized from ethanol. (0,085 g, 38%), mp 192 °C; IR (v, cm⁻¹): 3204 (b, -NH), 3057 (aromatic C-H), 2924 (aliph. C-H), 1661 (C=O, benzoyl), 1634 (C=S, thioamide), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ (ppm): 8.19 (b, 1H, -NH), 7.92-6.55 (m, 13H, Ar-H), 2.08, 1.09 (s, 3H, Ar-CH₃), 1.61 (s, 2H, $-NH_2$), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ (ppm): 189.53 (C=O, benzoyl), 178.61, (C=S, thioamide), 163.72 (C=O, amide), 142.73 (C₃), 141.69 (C₅), 141.36, 137.28, 136.53, 135.63, 134.78, 133.42, 131.23, 131.15, 128.35, 125.92, 113.62 (C_4) , 20.24, 17.85 (Ar-CH₃). Anal. Cal. for $C_{26}H_{22}N_4O_2S$ (454,54 g/mol): C, 68.70; H, 4.88; N, 12.33. Found: C, 68.61; H, 4.87; N, 12.39.

2.2.15. 1-(4-Benzoyl-1-(2,5-dimethylphenyl)-5-phenyl-1Hpyrazole-3-carbonyl)-3-ethylthiourea (31)

Compound **31** was prepared according to method B. (0.16 g, 44%), mp 201 °C; (was crystallized from propyl alcohol); IR (v, cm⁻¹): 3196 (--NH), 3049 (aromatic C--H), 2853 (aliph. C--H), 1700 (C=-O, benzoyl), 1680 cm⁻¹ (C=-O, amide), 1666 (C=-S, thioamide), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ (ppm): 8.3 (b, 1H, --NH), 7.92–6.72 (m, 13H, Ar--H), 4.1 (q, 2H, CH₂), 2.10, 1.75 (s, 3H, Ar--CH₃), 1.1 (t, 3H, CH₃), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ (ppm): 204.29 (C=-O, benzoyl), 181.14 (C=-S, thioamide), 162.54 (C=-O, amide), 143.52 (C₃), 141.62 (C₅), 138.13, 136.18, 135.49, 132.72, 131.50, 130.53, 129.21, 127.19, 125.23, 121.63, 108.13 (C₄), 59.03 (-CH₂), 22.01, 16.92 (Ar--CH₃), 12.35 (CH₃). Anal. Cal. for C₂₈H₂₆N₄O₂S (482,60 g/mol): C, 69.69; H, 5.43; N, 11.61. Found: C, 69.58; H, 5.44; N, 11.72.

2.2.16. 4-Ethyl 3-methyl 1-(2,5-dimethylphenyl)-5-phenyl-1Hpyrazole-3,4-dicarboxylate (**3m**)

Compound **3m** was prepared according to the general procedure for synthesis of ester. (0.32 g, 80%), mp 150 °C; (was crystallized from methanol); IR (v, cm⁻¹): 3064 (aromatic C–H), 2980 (aliph. C–H), 1723 (C=O, ester) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.9–6.8 (m, 8H, Ar–H), 4.2 (q, 2H, –CH₂), 3.7 (s, 3H, –OCH₃) 2.0, 1.7 (s, 3H, Ar–CH₃), 1.1 (t, 3H, –CH₃), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 163.16 (C=O, ester), 161.48 (C=O, ester), 143.35 (C₃), 141.30 (C₅), 138.12, 135.24, 134.56, 131.97, 130.46, 130.05, 129.19, 126.60, 110.33 (C₄), 60.12 (–CH₂), 35.28 (–OCH₃) 23.56, 17.21 (Ar–CH₃), 13.02 (–CH₃). Anal. Cal. for C₂₂H₂₂N₂O₄ (378,42 g/mol): C, 69.83; H, 5.86; N, 7.40. Found: C, 69.72; H, 5.88; N, 7.51.

2.2.17. Diethyl 1-(2,5-dimethylphenyl)-5-phenyl-1H-pyrazole-3,4-dicarboxylate (**3n**)

Compound **3n** was prepared according to the general procedure for synthesis of ester. (0.25 g, 60%), mp 165 °C; (was crystallized from ethanol); IR (v, cm⁻¹): 3026 (aromatic C–H), 2979 (aliph. C–H), 1721 (C=O, ester), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.55–6.38 (m, 8H, Ar–H), 4.35 (q, 4H, –CH₂), 2.18, 1.78 (s, 3H, Ar–CH₃), 1.36 (t, 3H, –CH₃), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 161.14, 160.83 (C=O, ester), 143.71 (C₃), 141.64 (C₅), 139.25, 135.47, 134.59, 131.88, 130.63, 129.36, 122.20, 110.33 (C₄), 55.47, 48.91 (O–CH₂), 21.35, 17.29 (Ar–CH₃), 15.34, 13.60 (–CH₃). Anal. Cal. for C₂₃H₂₄N₂O₄ (392,45 g/mol): C, 70.39; H, 6.16; N, 7.14. Found: C, 70.33; H, 6.12; N, 7.22.

2.2.18. Ethyl 3-carbamoyl-1-(2,5-dimethylphenyl)-5-phenyl-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxylate (**30**)

Compound **30** was prepared according to the general procedure for synthesis of amide. (0.32 g, 80%); mp 263 °C; (was crystallized from ethanol); IR (v, cm⁻¹): 3221 ($-NH_2$), 3021 (aromatic C–H), 2969 (aliph. C–H), 1735 (C=O, ester), 1725(C=O, amide), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.77–7.07 (m, 8H, Ar–H), 4.19 (q, 2H, CH₂), 2.10, 1.76 (s, 3H, Ar–CH₃), 1.22 (t, $-CH_3$), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 171.32 (C=O, ester), 166.01 (C=O, amide), 144.42 (C₃), 143.35 (C₅), 138.26, 134.63, 132.12, 131.49, 130.78, 130.04, 129.85, 129.22, 128.52, 127.78, 125.62, 110.25 (C₄), 61.35 ($-CH_2$), 21.46, 19.03 (Ar–CH₃), 14.15 ($-CH_3$). Anal. Cal. for C₂₂H₂₄N₃O₃ (378,44 g/mol): C, 69.82; H, 6.39; N, 11.10. Found: C, 69.71; H, 6.40; N, 11.19.

2.2.19. Ethyl 1-(2,5-dimethylphenyl)-3-(ethylcarbamoyl)-5phenyl-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxylate (**3p**)

Compound **3p** was prepared according to the general procedure for synthesis of amide. (0.23 g, 55%), mp 155 °C; (was crystallized from ethanol); IR (v, cm⁻¹): 3385 (—NH), 3010 (aromatic C—H), 2825 (aliph. C—H), 1715 (C=O, ester), 1616 (C=O, amide), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 9.12 (b, 1H, NH), 7.70–6.59 (m, 8H, Ar—H), 4.25 (q, 2H, CH₂), 2.01,1.75 (s, 3H, Ar—CH₃), 1,21 (t, 3H, CH₃), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 171.38 (C=O, ester), 168.41 (C=O, amide), 144.39 (C₃), 142.51 (C₅), 140.86, 135.99, 132.32, 131.29, 130.01, 129.80, 129.68, 129.14 128.52, 127.77, 126.82, 110.25 (C₄), 61.35 (O—CH₂), 35.11 (CH₂—NH), 21.46, 19.03 (Ar—CH₃), 16.51, 14.68 (—CH₃). Anal. Cal. for C₂₃H₂₅N₃O₃ (391.46 g/mol): C, 70.57; H, 6.44; N, 10.73. Found: C, 70.48; H, 6.45; N, 10.80.

2.2.20. Ethyl 1-(2,5-dimethylphenyl)-5-phenyl-3-(phenylcarbamoyl)-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxylate (**3r**)

Compound **3r** was prepared according to the general procedure for synthesis of amide. (0.24 g, 50%), mp 205 °C; (was crystallized from isoamylalcohol/secondary butyl alcohol); IR (v, cm⁻¹): 3219 (–NH), 3045 (aromatic C–H), 2923 (aliph. C–H), 1732 (C=O, ester), 1633 (C=O, amide), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 165.41 (C=O, ester), 162.56 (C=O, amide), 145.34 (C₃), 144.14 (C₅), 136.14, 135.63, 133.38, 132.40, 131.16, 130.73, 129.90, 129.51 129.28, 129.06, 128.58, 128.26, 127.43, 114.30 (C₄), 50.31 (O–CH₂), 20.48, 17.35 (Ar–CH₃), 12.10 (–CH₃). Anal. Cal. for $C_{27}H_{25}N_3O_3$ (439,51 g/mol): C, 73.78; H, 8.78; N, 9.56. Found: C, 73.67; H, 8.75; N, 10.09.

2.2.21. Ethyl 1-(2,5-dimethylphenyl)-5-phenyl-3-(ureidocarbonyl)-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxylate (**3s**)

Compound **3s** was prepared according to the general procedure for synthesis of urea. (0.33 g, 75%); mp 228 °C, (was crystallized from isoamylalcohol); IR (v, cm⁻¹): 3408–3157 (b, N–H), 3054 (aromatic C–H), 2923 (aliph. C–H), 1732 (C=O, ester), 1690 (C=O, urea), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.76 (b, 1H, –NH), 7.78–6.90 (m, 8H, Ar–H), 5.54 (s, 2H, –NH₂), 4.20 (q, 3H, CH₂), 1.95, 1.69 (s, 3H, Ar–CH₃), 1.29 (t, 3H, CH₃), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 166.19 (C=O, ester), 162.03 (C=O, amide), 158.54 (C=O, urea), 143.66 (C₃), 142.27 (C₅), 140.35, 135.57, 134.20, 130.79, 130.38, 129.54, 122.41, 107.54 (C₄), 51.80 (–CH₂), 22.48, 17.25 (Ar–CH₃), 14.66 (CH₃). Anal. Cal. for C₂₂H₂₂N₄O₄ (406,43 g/mol): C, 65.01; H, 5.46; N, 13.78. Found: C, 64.87; H, 5.49; N, 13.87.

2.2.22. Ethyl 1-(2,5-dimethylphenyl)-3-((3-methylureido)carbonyl)-5-phenyl-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxylate (**3t**)

Compound **3t** was prepared according to the general procedure for synthesis of urea. (0.32 g, 70%); mp 262 °C, (was crystallized from secondary butyl alcohol); IR (v, cm⁻¹): 3401–3157 (b, N–H), 3014 (aromatic C–H), 2916 (aliph. C–H), 1702 (C=O, ester), 1700 (C=O, urea), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.08 (b, 1H, –NH), 7.37–6.56 (m, 8H, Ar–H), 5.44 (s, 1H, –NH), 4.19 (q, 2H, CH₂), 3.49 (t, 3H, CH₃), 2.06, 1.78 (s, 3H, Ar–CH₃), 1,18 (t, 3H, CH₃), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 168.55 (C=O, ester), 166.72 (C=O, amide), 161.49 (C=O, urea), 145.27 (C₃), 143.64 (C₅), 141.12, 136.13, 132.29, 131.44, 130.57, 130.23, 129.67, 128.36, 125.37, 106.10 (C₄), 58.82 (O–CH₂), 31.19 (CH₃–NH), 24.28, 18.10 (Ar–CH₃), 15.36 (CH₃). Anal. Cal. for C₂₃H₂₄N₄O₄ (420,46 g/mol): C, 65.70; H, 5.75; N, 13.33. Found: C, 65.59; H, 5.77; N, 13.41.

2.2.23. Ethyl 1-(2,5-dimethylphenyl)-3-((3-ethylureido)carbonyl)-5-phenyl-1H-pyrazole-4 carboxylate (**3u**)

Compound 3u was prepared according to the general procedure for synthesis of urea. (0.24 g, 50%), mp 220 °C; (was crystallized from chloroform/n-hexane); IR (v, cm⁻¹): 3367–3100 (b, N-H), 3055 (aromatic C-H), 2928 (aliph. C-H), 1722 (C=O, ester), 1722 (C=O, urea), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.45 (b, 1H, -NH), 7.70-6.79 (m, 8H, Ar-H), 5.39 (s, 1H, -NH), 4.58 (q, 2H, CH₂), 3.45 (q, 3H, CH₂), 2.10, 1.84 (s, 3H, Ar-CH₃), 1.46 (t, 3H, CH₃), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 169.38 (C=O, ester), 163.15 (C=O, amide), 161.74 (C=O, urea), 143.31 (C₃), 142.64 (C₅), 141.25, 137.48, 135.56, 133.39, 131.36, 130.63, 130.19, 129.83, 129.25, 128.91, 128.42, 125.54, 108.42 (C₄), 56.44 (O-CH₂), 34.65 (CH₂-NH), 22.17, 19.25 (Ar-CH₃), 15.48, 12.06 (-CH₃). Anal. Cal. for $C_{24}H_{26}N_4O_4$ (434,49 g/mol): C, 66.34; H, 6.03; N, 12.89. Found: C, 66.25; H, 6.05; N, 12.95.

2.2.24. General procedure for synthesis of pyrazolo[3,4-d] pyridazine

A miliequimolar mixture of **1a,b** and appropriate hydrazine was refluxed in xylene for 24 h. After the solvent was removed by evaporation, the oily residue was treated with ether and the formed crude product was crystallized from appropriate solvent.

2.2.25. 2-(2,5-Dimethylphenyl)-3,4,6-triphenyl-2H-pyrazolo [3,4-d]pyridazin-7(6H)-one (4a)

(0.227 g, 45%), mp 224 °C; (was crystallized from hexane); IR (v, cm⁻¹): 3056 (aromatic C–H), 2920 (aliph. C–H), 1696 (C₇),1650 (C₄), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.89–6.61 (m, 18H, Ar–H), 2.23,1.82 (s, 3H, Ar–CH₃), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 162.40 (C₇), 145.51 (C-7a), 144.36 (C₃), 143.33 (C₄), 140.84, 139.20, 138.38, 136.30, 133.81, 132.95, 131.35, 130.64, 129.69, 129.12, 128.68, 128.54, 128.12, 127.43, 126.76, 112.15 (C-3a), 18.76, 17.33 (Ar–CH₃). Anal. Cal. for C₃₁H₂₄N₄O (468,55 g/mol): C, 79.46; H, 5.16; N, 11.96. Found: C, 79.39; H, 5.15; N, 12.04.

2.2.25.1. 2-(2,5-Dimethylphenyl)-3,4-diphenyl-2H-pyrazolo [3,4-d]pyridazin-7(6H)-one (4b). (0.16 g, 36%), mp 262 °C; (was crystallized from xylene/methanol); IR (v, cm⁻¹): 3421 (-NH), 3055 (aromatic C-H), 2985 (aliph. C-H), 1658 (C₇), 1638 (C₄), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 9.11 (s, 1H, -NH), 7.28–6.58 (m, 13H, Ar-H), 2.23, 1.82 (s, 3H, Ar-CH₃), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 160.67 (C₇), 145.55 (C-7a), 144.41 (C₃), 143.32 (C₄), 140.21, 138.45, 136.78, 134.64, 133.13, 132.62, 130.23, 129.97, 129.65, 128.60, 128.15, 127.77, 127.32, 126.64, 110.72 (C-3a), 20.46, 17.31 (Ar-CH₃). Anal. Cal. for C₂₅H₂₀N₄O (392,45 g/mol): C, 76.51; H, 5.14; N, 14.28. Found: C, 76.43; H, 5.12; N, 14.33.

2.2.25.2. 2,6-Bis(2,5-dimethylphenyl)-3,4-diphenyl-2H-pyrazolo [3,4-d]pyridazin-7(6H)-one (4c). (0.14 g, 25%), mp 194 °C; (was crystallized from xylene); IR (v, cm⁻¹): 3057 (aromatic C–H), 2901 (aliph. C–H), 1664 (C₇), 1632 (C₄), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.79–7.08 (m, 16H, Ar–H), 2.28, 2.07 (s, 3H, Ar–CH₃), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 162.73 (C₇), 146.18 (C-7a), 145.32 (C₃), 144.38 (C₄), 143.32, 143.07, 142.86, 139.63, 139.44, 139.11, 134.20, 133.44, 132.71, 132.31, 130.51, 130.42, 129.95, 129.33, 128.93, 128.51, 127.63, 127.20, 126.81, 124.51, 122.26, 110.05 (C-3a), 21.51, 17.33 (Ar–CH₃). Anal. Cal. for C₃₃H₂₈N₄O (496,60 g/mol): C, 79.81; H, 5.68; N, 11.28. Found: C, 79.71; H, 5.69; N, 11.37.

2.2.25.3. 2-(2,5-Dimethylphenyl)-6-(3,4-dimethylphenyl)-3,4diphenyl-2H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyridazin-7(6H)-one (4d). (0.17 g, 30%), mp 187 °C; (was crystallized from xylene); IR (v, cm⁻¹): 3041 (aromatic C—H), 2914 (aliph. C—H), 1675 (C₇), 1600 (C₄), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.94–7.41 (m, 16H, Ar—H), 2.40, 2.07 (s, 3H, Ar—CH₃), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 162.03 (C₇), 145.93 (C-7a), 144.53 (C₃), 143.23 (C₄), 139.87, 139.10, 138.83, 138.72, 129.38, 129.12, 128.42, 128.12, 127.94, 127.41, 127.12, 126.33, 126.10, 124.35, 111.42 (C-3a), 20.45, 17.81 (Ar—CH₃). Anal. Cal. for C₃₃H₂₈N₄O (496,60 g/mol): C, 79.81; H, 5.68; N, 11.28. Found: C, 79.69; H, 5.69; N, 11.38.

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2.2.25.4. 2-(2,5-Dimethylphenyl)-6-(2,4-dinitrophenyl)-3,4diphenyl-2H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyridazin-7(6H)-one (4e). (0.24 g, 40%), mp 210 °C; (was crystallized from chloroform/hexane); IR (v, cm⁻¹): 3059 (aromatic C–H), 2925 (aliph. C–H), 1649 (C₇), ¹³C NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 163.43 (C₇), 145.66 (C-7a), 144.39 (C₄), 141.35 (C₃), 138.47, 136.73, 135.45, 133.30, 130.27, 129.94, 128.70, 128.54, 128.12, 127.28, 127.14, 125.12, 111.42 (C-3a), 20.45, 17.81 (Ar–CH₃). Anal. Cal. for C₃₁H₂₂N₆O₅ (558,54 g/mol): C, 66.66; H, 3.97; N, 15.05. Found: C, 66.55; H, 3.95; N, 15.17.

2.2.25.5. 2-(2,5-Dimethylphenyl)-3,4-diphenyl-6-(2,4,6-trichlorophenyl)-2H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyridazin-7(6H)-one (4f). (0.213 g, 37%), mp 217 °C; (was crystallized from chloroform/hexane); IR (v, cm⁻¹): 3060 (aromatic C–H), 2925 (aliph. C–H), 1670 (C₇), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 161.56 (C₇), 145.47 (C-7a), 142.24 (C₃), 137.81 (C₄), 136.73, 133.84, 132.62, 131.52, 131.00, 129.83, 129.48, 129.39, 129.26, 129.14, 128.71, 128.25, 127.35, 125.47, 121.62, 108.51 (C-3a), 19.35, 17.12 (Ar–CH₃). Anal. Cal. for C₃₁H₂₁N₄OCl (571,88 g/mol): C, 65.11; H, 3.70; N, 9.80. Found: C, 65.03; H, 3.71; N, 9.85.

2.2.25.6. 2-(2,5-Dimethylphenyl)-3,4-diphenyl-6-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-2H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyridazin-7(6H)-one (4g). (0.26 g, 45%), mp 219 °C; (was crystallized from ether/hexane); IR (v, cm⁻¹): 3080 (aromatic C–H), 2840 (aliph. C–H), 1673 (C₇), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 163.45 (C₇), 144.34 (C-7a), 143.81 (C₃), 142.54 (C₄), 141.47, 138.39, 136.56, 135.63, 133.72, 132.16, 130.90, 130.75, 129.82, 129.73, 129.44, 129.20, 129.04, 128.61, 127.76, 127.32, 121.85, 108.41 (C-3a), 20.39, 17.41 (Ar–CH₃). Anal. Cal. for C₂₃H₂₃-N₄OF₃ (536,55 g/mol): C, 71.63; H, 4.32; N, 10.44. Found: C, 71.56; H, 4.33; N, 10.51.

2.2.25.7. 2-(2,5-Dimethylphenyl)-4-ethoxy-3,6-diphenyl-2Hpyrazolo[3,4-d]pyridazin-7(6H)-one (4h). (0.23 g, 50%), mp 205 °C; (was crystallized from toluene); IR (v, cm⁻¹): 3090 (aromatic C—H), 2980 (aliph. C—H), 1722 (C₇), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.74–6.43 (m, 13H, Ar—H), 3.79 (q, 2H, —CH₂), 2.07, 1.81 (s, 3H, Ar—CH₃), 1.76 (t, 3H, —CH₃), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 164.72 (C₇), 147.68 (C₄), 144.32 (C-7a), 142.12 (C₃), 135.45, 134.59, 133.30, 132.35, 131.27, 130.12, 129.63, 129.07, 128.54, 127.31, 126.18, 118.32 (C-3a), 61.28 (—CH₂), 21.47, 17.47 (Ar—CH₃), 14.36 (-CH₃). Anal. Cal. for C₂₇H₂₄N₄O₂ (436,51 g/mol): C, 74.29; H, 5.54; N, 12.84. Found: C, 74.20; H, 5.55; N, 12.91.

2.2.25.8. 2-(2,5-Dimethylphenyl)-4-ethoxy-3-phenyl-2H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyridazin-7(6H)-one (4i). (0.27 g, 65%), mp 140 °C; (was crystallized from toluene); IR (v, cm⁻¹): 3026 (aromatic C—H), 2946 (aliph. C—H), 1645 (C₇), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.96–7.29 (m, 8H, Ar—H), 5.11 (s, 1H, —NH), 3.51 (q, 2H, —CH₂), 1.82, 1.47 (s, 3H, Ar—CH₃), 1.22 (t, 3H, —CH₃), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 161.52 (C₇), 144.20 (C₄), 142.74 (C-7a), 142.15 (C₃), 141.51, 136.63, 134.28, 132.45, 131.52, 130.39, 129.64, 129.06, 128.31, 127.44, 126.36 (C-3a), 60.35 (O—CH₂), 22.64, 17.85 (Ar—CH₃), 14.25 (—CH₃). Anal. Cal. for C₂₁H₂₀N₄O₂ (360,41 g/mol): C, 69.98; H, 5.59; N, 15.55. Found: C, 69.90; H, 5.60; N, 15.63. 7

2.2.25.9. 2,6-bis(2,5-Dimethylphenyl)-4-ethoxy-3-phenyl-2Hpyrazolo[3,4-d]pyridazin-7(6H)-one (4j). (0.15 g, 30%); mp 190 °C; (was crystallized from chloroform/hexane); IR (v, cm⁻¹): 3061 (aromatic C—H), 2979 (aliph. C—H), 1713 (C₇), 1633 cm⁻¹ (C₄), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.7– 6.4 (m, 11H, Ar—H), 4.2 (q, 2H, —CH₂), 2.5, 1.5 (s, 3H, Ar—CH₃), 1.1 (t, 3H, —CH₃), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 165.27 (C₇), 146.38 (C₄), 144.12 (C-7a), 139.25 (C₃), 137.10, 129.64, 129.56, 129.48, 129.26, 128.74, 128.61, 128.43, 128.32, 128.15, 110.71 (C-3a), 61.45 (—CH₂), 21.35, 17.28 (Ar—CH₃) 13.56 (—CH₃). Anal. Cal. for C₂₉H₂₈N₄O₂ (464,56 g/mol): C, 74.98; H, 6.08; N, 12.06. Found: C, 74.85; H, 6.09; N, 12.15.

2.2.25.10. 2-(2,5-Dimethylphenyl)-6-(3,4-dimethylphenyl)-4ethoxy-3-phenyl-2H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyridazin-7(6H)-one (4k). (0.15 g, 30%), mp 220 °C; (was crystallized from chloroform/ hexane); IR (v, cm⁻¹): 3020 (aromatic C—H), 2975 (aliph. C—H), 1724 (C₇), 1633 cm⁻¹ (C₄), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.7–6.5 (m, 11H, Ar—H), 4.1 (q, 2H, -CH₂), 2.3, 1.6 (s, 3H, Ar–CH₃), 1.1 (t, 3H, -CH₃), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 163.11 (C₇), 145.14 (C₄), 144.39 (C-7a), 136.09 (C₃), 136.45, 135.49, 132.20, 130.44, 129.96, 129.48, 129.12, 128.39, 128.26, 126.32, 114.18 (C-3a), 61.20 (-CH₂), 18.74, 17.21 (Ar–CH₃), 14.14 (-CH₃). Anal. Cal. for C₂₉H₂₈N₄O₂ (464,56 g/mol): C, 74.98; H, 6.08; N, 12.06. Found: C, 74.89; H, 6.07; N, 12.14.

2.2.25.11. 2-(2,5-Dimethylphenyl)-6-(2,4-dinitrophenyl)-4ethoxy-3-phenyl2H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyridazin-7(6H)-one (4l). (0.25 g, 45%), mp 194 °C; (was crystallized from chloroform/ n-hexane); IR (v, cm⁻¹): 3088 (aromatic C—H), 2925 (aliph. C—H), 1631 (C₇), 1615 (C₄), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 161.95 (C₇), 145.76 (C₄), 144.53 (C-7a), 143.71 (C₃), 136.40, 136.18, 135.32, 134.36, 133.38, 132.60, 131.22, 130.85, 130.66, 129.72, 129.61, 129.30, 129.11, 128.86, 128.68, 128.17, 127.19, 125.62, 114.25 (C-3a), 50.14 (O—CH₂), 20.62, 17.20 (Ar—CH₃), 13.86, (—CH₃). Anal. Cal. for C₂₇H₂₂N₆O₆ (526,50 g/mol): C, 61.59; H, 4.21; N, 15.96. Found: C, 61.51; H, 4.18; N, 16.09.

2.2.25.12. 2-(2,5-Dimethylphenyl)-4-ethoxy-3-phenyl-6-(2,4,6trichlorophenyl)-2H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyridazin-7(6H)-one (4m). (0.19 g, 40%), mp 170 °C; (was crystallized from chloroform/ hexane); IR (v, cm⁻¹): 3026 (aromatic C–H), 2956 (aliph. C–H), 1684 (C₇), 1634 cm⁻¹ (C₄), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 162.43 (C₇), 144.53 (C₄), 143.72 (C-7a), 142.64 (C₃), 141.44, 139.63, 136.71, 135.53, 133.72, 132.10, 130.75, 130.43, 129.91, 129.63, 129.54, 129.30, 128.87, 128.69, 126.84, 121.44 (C-3a), 49.74 (O-CH₂), 19.35, 17.43 (Ar–CH₃), 14.02 (–CH₃). Anal. Cal. for C₂₇H₂₁N₄O₂Cl₃ (539,84 g/mol): C, 60.07; H, 3.92; N, 10.38. Found: C, 59.96; H, 3.93; N, 10.51.

2.2.25.13. 2-(2,5-Dimethylphenyl)-4-ethoxy-3-phenyl-6-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-2H-pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyridazin-7(6H)-one (4n). (0.22 g, 40%), mp 158 °C; (was crystallized from chloroform/hexane); IR (v, cm⁻¹): 3040 (aromatic C–H), 2950 (aliph. C–H), 1723 (C₇), 1615 cm⁻¹ (C₄), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 162.84 (C₇), 146.38 (C₄), 144.35 (C-7a), 143.19 (C₃), 140.76, 139.34, 137.43, 135.58, 133.31, 132.56, 131.69, 129.74, 129.40, 129.29, 129.12, 128.73, 128.45, 128.22, 127.67, 126.84, 120.72 (C-3a), 50.43 (O–CH₂), 19.58, 17.24 (Ar–CH₃), 13.40 (–CH₃). Anal. Cal. for $C_{28}H_{23}N_4O_2F_3$ (504,50 g/mol): C, 66.66; H, 4.60; N, 11.11. Found: C, 66.57; H, 4.62; N, 11.19.

2.2.25.14. 1-(2,5-Dimethylphenyl)-5-phenyl-1H-pyrazole-3,4dicarboxylic acid (5). Compound 1b 0.364 g (1 mmole) was refluxed in solution of 0.1 g (2.5 mmole) NaOH for about 1.5 h. Mixed solution was cooled down to room temperature. It was stirred for a while by adding 1.5 mL concentrated HCl and water at equal volume. Precipitated white solid product was filtered and washed with water again. It was crystallized from butanol (0,384 g, 85%), mp 100 °C; IR (v, cm^{-1}): 3392 (b, -OH), 3058-3022 (aromatic C-H), 2976 (aliph. C-H), 1716–1683 (C=O, acide), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 10.37, 9.88 (b, 1H, -OH), 7.80-7.09 (m, 8H, Ar-H), 2.30, 1.74 (s, 3H, Ar–CH₃), 13 C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 167.78, 164.57 C=O, acide, 145.03 (C₃), 143.06 (C₅), 133.72, 131.17, 130.86, 130.61, 129.77, 129.53, 129.13, 128.94, 128.41, 127.73, 127.66, 127.14, 110.26 (C₄), 27.18, 19.21 (Ar-CH₃). Anal. Cal. for C₁₉H₁₆N₂O₄ (336,34 g/mol): C, 67.85; H, 4.79; N, 8.33. Found: C, 67.79; H, 4.78; N, 8.41.

2.2.26. 1-(2,5-Dimethylphenyl)-5-phenyl-1H-pyrazole-3,4-dicarbonyl dichloride (6)

Compound **6** was prepared according to the general procedure for synthesis of acylchlorur. (0.4 g, 68%), mp 98 °C; (was crystallized from chloroform/n-hexane); IR (v, cm⁻¹): 3058 (aromatic C–H), 2969 (aliph. C–H), 1716, 1683 (C=O, acyl), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.19–7.11 (m, 8H, Ar–H), 2.22, 1.82 (s, 3H, Ar–CH₃), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 166.00, 163.00 (C=O, acyl), 142.45 (C₃), 141.81 (C₅), 133.32, 131.34, 130.99, 130.16, 129.89, 129.56, 129.16, 128.66, 128.26, 126.88, 108.65 (C₄), 23.30, 17.26 (Ar–CH₃), MS (*m*/*z*): Calc. = 372.0, Found = 372.1.

2.2.27. Dimethyl 1-(2,5-dimethylphenyl)-5-phenyl-1H-pyrazole-3,4-dicarboxylate (7a)

Compound **7a** was prepared according to the general procedure for synthesis of ester. (0.35 g, 84%), mp 140 °C; (was crystallized from methanol); IR (v, cm⁻¹): 3026 (aromatic C—H), 2951 (aliph. C—H), 1724 (C=O, ester), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.90–6.59 (m, 8H, Ar—H), 3.66 (s, 3H, CH₃), 2.04, 1.84 (s, 3H, Ar—CH₃), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 166.50, 163.46 (C=O, ester), 145.18 (C₃), 143.73 (C₅), 140.41, 138.26, 136.35, 132.80, 131.67, 130.52, 129.15, 128.33, 124.64, 110.55 (C₄), 47.50 (CH₃), 21.51, 17.49 (Ar—CH₃). Anal. Cal. for C₂₁H₂₀N₂O₄ (364,39 g/mol): C, 69.22; H, 5.53; N, 7.69. Found: C, 69.16; H, 5.54; N, 7.75.

2.2.28. Diethyl 1-(2,5-dimethylphenyl)-5-phenyl-1H-pyrazole-3,4-dicarboxylate (7b)

Compound **7b** was prepared according to the general procedure for synthesis of ester. (0.324 g, 73%), mp 118 °C; (was crystallized from ethanol); IR (v, cm⁻¹):3060–3022 (aromatic C–H), 2979–2919 (aliph. C–H), 1717 (C=O, ester), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.42–6.39 (m, 8H, Ar–H), 4.43 (q, 2H, CH₂), 2.22, 1.81 (s, 3H, Ar–CH₃), 1.44 (t, 3H, CH₃), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 163.22, 159.67 (C=O, ester), 143.71 (C₃), 141.40 (C₅), 139.21, 135.39, 134.55, 131.62, 130.71, 130.08, 129.47, 128.21, 112.32 (C₄), 49.15, 44.34 (CH₂), 19.28, 17.41 (Ar—CH₃), 12.53, 11.70 (CH₃). Anal. Cal. for $C_{23}H_{24}N_2O_4$ (392,45 g/mol): C, 70.39; H, 6.16; N, 7.14. Found: C, 70.32; H, 6.18; N, 7.22.

2.2.29. N^3 , N^4 -Dicarbamoyl-1-(2,5-dimethylphenyl)-5-phenyl-1H-pyrazole-3,4-dicarboxyamide (7c)

Compound **7c** was prepared according to the general procedure for synthesis of urea. (0.3 g, 59%), mp 240 °C; (was crystallized from ether/n-hexane); IR (v, cm⁻¹): 3407–3153 (b, N–H), 3056 (aromatic C–H), 2946 (aliph. C–H), 1646 (C=O, urea), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 9.38 (b, 1H, NH), 7.84–6.49 (m, 8H, Ar–H), 5.68, 5.40 (s, 2H, –NH₂), 2.23, 1.85 (s, 3H, Ar–CH₃), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 168.04, 164.77 (C=O, amide), 164.43, 160.35 (C=O, urea), 148.84 (C₃), 146.49 (C₅), 143.11, 141.31, 136.46, 135.00, 134.57, 133.97, 133.33, 130.81, 129.69, 128.86, 127.56, 114.02 (C₄), 24.81, 17.23 (Ar–CH₃). Anal. Cal. for C₂₁H₂₀N₆O₄ (420,42 g/mol): C, 59.99; H, 4.79; N, 19.99. Found: C, 59.89; H, 4.76; N, 20.09.

2.2.30. N³,N⁴-Methyl(carbamoyl)1-(2,5-dimethylphenyl)-5-phenyl-1H-pyrazole-3,4-dicarboxyamide (7**d**)

Compound **7d** was prepared according to the general procedure for synthesis of urea. (0.35 g, 65%), mp 258 °C; (was crystallized from ether/n-hexane); IR (v, cm⁻¹): 3336 (b, N–H), 3040 (aromatic C–H), 2822 (aliph. C–H), 1694 (C=O, urea), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 9.18, 8.95 (b, 1H, NH), 7.86–6.91 (m, 8H, Ar=H), 6.19, 5.84 (q, 1H, =NH), 2.61 (d, 3H, CH₃), 2.08, 1.73 (s, 3H, Ar=CH₃), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 166.41, 163.26 (C=O, amide), 161.54, 157.39 (C=O, urea), 145.62 (C₃), 141.16 (C₅), 140.03, 136.72, 134.40, 133.36, 132.91, 131.16, 130.23, 129.48, 128.36, 127.52, 126.74, 109.45 (C₄), 36.70 (CH₃), 24.81, 17.23 (Ar–CH₃). Anal. Cal. for C₂₃H₂₄N₆O₄ (448,47 g/mol): C, 61.60; H, 5.39; N, 18.74. Found: C, 61.53; H, 5.40; N, 18.81.

2.2.31. 1-(2,5-Dimethylphenyl)-5-phenyl-1H-pyrazole-3,4dicarboxyamide (7e)

Compound **7e** was prepared according to the general procedure for synthesis of amide. (0.3 g, 70%), mp 228 °C; (was crystallized from methanol); IR (v, cm⁻¹): 3446–3152 (b, $-NH_2$), 3055 (aromatic C–H), 2923 (aliph. C–H), 1672 (C=O, amide), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.79–6.61 (m, 8H, Ar–H), 5.23, 5.12 (s, 2H, $-NH_2$), 2.23, 1.82 (s, 3H, Ar–CH₃), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 166.19, 163.84 (C=O, amide), 145.62 (C₃), 141.25 (C₅), 133.34, 131.45, 130.91, 129.95, 129.72, 128.86, 128.58, 128.26, 126.61, 113.18 (C₄), 21.14,18.90 (Ar–CH₃). Anal. Cal. for C₁₉H₁₈N₄O₂ (334,37 g/mol): C, 68.25; H, 5.43; N, 16.76. Found: C, 68.19; H, 5.44; N, 16.83.

2.2.32. 1-(2,5-Dimethylphenyl)- N^3 , N^4 -diethyl-5-phenyl-1H-pyrazole-3,4-dicarboxyamide (7f)

Compound **7f** was prepared according to the general procedure for synthesis of amide. (0.33 g, 69%), mp 182 °C; (was crystallized from n-hexane/chloroform); IR (ν , cm⁻¹): 3396 (b, N–H), 3030 (aromatic C–H), 2979 (aliph. C–H), 1640 (C=O, amide), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 9.65, 9.89 (t, 1H, NH), 7.99–6.85 (m, 8H, Ar–H), 3.75 (q, 2H,

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CH₂), 2.2, 1.8 (s, 3H, Ar—CH₃), 1.5 (t, 3H, CH₃), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 164.18, 161.35 (C=O, amide), 144.20 (C₃), 141.52 (C₅), 133.74, 130.45, 129.63, 129.24, 128.76, 128.52, 128.43, 128.22, 128.10, 113.18 (C₄), 51.50 (CH₂), 20.42,17.30 (Ar—CH₃), 14.12, 12.68 (CH₃). Anal. Cal. for C₂₃H₂₆N₄O₂ (390,48 g/mol): C, 70.75; H, 6.71; N, 14.35. Found: C, 70.68; H, 6.73; N, 14.43.

2.2.33. 1-(2,5-Dimethylphenyl)- N^3 , N^4 ,5-triphenyl-1H-pyrazole-3,4-dicarboxyamide (7g)

Compound **7g** was prepared according to the general procedure for synthesis of amide. (0.2 g, 35%), mp 211 °C; (was crystallized from n-hexane/chloroform); IR (v, cm⁻¹): 3345 (b, N–H), 3040 (aromatic C–H), 2807 (aliph. C–H), 1652 (C=O, amide), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 163.59, 162.65 (C=O, amide), 144.74 (C₃), 144.39 (C₅), 134.13, 133.36, 132.40, 130.73, 130.24, 129.51, 129.31, 129.06, 128.58, 128.14, 127.63, 112.45 (C₄), 18.24, 17.38 (Ar–CH₃). Anal. Cal. for C₃₁H₂₆N₄O₂ (486,56 g/mol): C, 76.52; H, 5.39; N, 11.51. Found: C, 76.41; H, 5.41; N, 11.59.

2.2.34. 4-Benzoyl-1-(2,5-dimethylphenyl)-5-phenyl-1Hpyrazole-3-carbonitrile (**8a**)

A cold solution of the acid amide **3c** (0.421 g, 1 mmole) in a mixture of DMF (0.7 mL) and SOCl₂ (0.15 mL) was stirred at 0–5 °C for 2 h. After heating to room temperature, stirring was continued overnight, then the reaction mixture was poured over crushed ice and the separated solid isolated by filtration, washed with water and crystallized from toluene to give 0.417 g (68%) of **8a**, mp 112 °C; IR (v, cm⁻¹): 3046 (aromatic C–H), 2921 (aliph. C–H), 2165 (–CN), 1652 cm⁻¹ (C=O, benzoyl), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 188.68 (C=O, benzoyl), 146.30 (C₃), 145.13 (C₅), 143.36, 139.12, 136.26, 134.46, 133.85, 130.38, 130.10, 129.83, 129.54, 129.46, 129.24, 128.74, 128.38, 127.10, 126.74, 122.21 (C₄), 116.32 (C=N), 21.70, 17.37 (Ar–CH₃). Anal. Cal. for C₂₅H₁₉N₃O (377,44 g/mol): C, 79.55; H, 5.07; N, 11.13. Found: C, 79.48; H, 5.09; N, 11.20.

2.2.35. Ethyl 3-cyano-1-(2,5-dimethylphenyl)-5-phenyl-1Hpyrazole-4-carboxylate (**8b**)

Compound **8b** was prepared according to the general procedure for synthesis of nitrile. (0.30 g, 24%), mp 158 °C; (was crystallized from isoamylalcohol/secondary butyl alcohol); IR (v, cm⁻¹): 3050 (aromatic C–H), 2924 (aliph. C–H), 2162 cm⁻¹ (C=N, nitrile), 1717 cm⁻¹ (C=O, ester), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.68–6.74 (m, 8H, Ar–H), 4.18 (q, 2H, CH₂), 2.13, 1.79 (s, 3H, Ar–CH₃), 1.18 (t, 3H, CH₃), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 168.38 (C=O, ester), ^{147.10} (C₃), 146.55 (C₅), 136.85, 133.72, 130.38, 130.10, 129.74, 129.54, 129.46, 129.24 129.10, 128.83, 128.24, 116.95 (C=N, nitrile), 107.75 (C₄), 54.84 (CH₂), 21.12, 18.77 (Ar–CH₃), 14.13 (CH₃). Anal. Cal. for C₂₁H₁₉N₃O₂ (345.39 g/mol): C, 73.03; H, 5.54; N, 12.17. Found: C, 72.96; H, 5.53; N, 12.26.

2.2.36. 1-(2,5-Dimethylphenyl)-5-phenyl-1H-pyrazole-3,4dicarbonitrile (8c)

Compound 7e of 0.334 g (1 mmole) was dissolved in xylene. 5 mL DMF and 0.292 mL (4 mmole) SOCl₂ was added in

0 °C. After stirring for 12 h in room temperature, some ice water was added to the mixture. Precipitated solid product was filtered and purified from ethanol–water mixture by crystallization. (0.3 g, 30%), mp 217 °C; IR (v, cm⁻¹): 3060 (aromatic C–H), 2923 (aliph. C–H), 2207, 2179 (C≡N, nitrile), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.07–7.03 (m, 8H, Ar–H), 2.37, 2.13 (s, 3H, Ar–CH₃), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 145.25 (C₃), 144.06 (C₅), 142.92, 135.69, 133.32, 130.93, 129.98, 129.50, 128.56, 126.80, 125.74, 118.17, 116.12 (C≡N), 110.40 (C₄), 18.60, 17.36 (Ar–CH₃), MS (*m*/*z*): Calc. = 298.1, Found = 298.1.

2.2.37. 1-(2,5-Dimethylphenyl)-5-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl-(phenyl)methanone (**9a**)

Compound **1a** (0.397 g, 1 mmole) was heated to 210–220 °C in an oil bath for about 30 min without any solvent. After cooling to room temperature, the residue was treated with ether to give the crude product, which was crystallized from n-hexane, to yield 0.32 g (80%); mp 175 °C; IR (v, cm⁻¹): 3040 (aromatic C–H), 2921 (aliph. C–H), 1649 (C=O, benzoyl), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d₆) δ (ppm): 192.32 (C=O, benzoyl), 145.25 (C₃), 144.06(C₅), 142.92, 132.32, 131.16, 130.93, 130.12, 129.93, 129.04, 128.95, 128.84, 128.46, 128.25, 128.03, 127.60, 126.74, 120.11 (C₄), 23.24, 18.04 (Ar–CH₃). Anal. Cal. for C₂₄H₂₀N₂O (352,43 g/mol): C, 81.79; H, 5.72; N, 7.95. Found: C, 81.71; H, 5.74; N, 8.04.

2.2.38. Ethyl 1-(2,5-dimethylphenyl)-5-phenyl-1H-pyrazole-4carboxylate (**9b**)

Compound **1b** (0.364 g, 1 mmole) was heated to 210–220 °C in an oil bath for about 30 min without any solvent. After cooling to room temperature, the residue was treated with ether to give the crude product, which was crystallized from ethanol, to yield 0.27 g (75%), mp 145 °C; IR (v, cm⁻¹): 3025 (aromatic C–H), 2918 (aliph. C–H), 1723 (C=O, ester), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.87–7.11 (m, 8H, Ar–H), 3.82 (q, 2H, –CH₂), 2,19, 1.75 (s, 3H, Ar–CH₃), 1.41 (t, 3H, –CH₃), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 163.56 (C=O, ester), 144.19 (C₃), 142.51 (C₅),141.63, 136.66, 136.23, 133.70, 133.64, 131.29, 130.93, 129.60, 129.20, 128.31, 127.56, 125.28, 113.21 (C₄), 59.70 (–CH₂), 21.98, 18.15 (Ar–CH₃), 14.22 (–CH₃). Anal. Cal. for C₂₀H₂₀N₂O₂ (320,38 g/mol): C, 74.98; H, 6.29; N, 8.74. Found: C, 74.89; H, 6.31; N, 8.81.

2.2.39. 1-(2,5-Dimethylphenyl)-5-phenyl-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxylic acid (9c)

Compound 9c can be synthesized in two different methods.

Method A: Compound **5** of 0.336 g (1 mmole) was heated at 200 °C until carbon dioxide gas exiting finished. The residue solid was washed with ether and mixed 2 h in room temperature from n-hexane/ether by crystallization (0.25 g, 71%).

Method B: Compound **9a** of 0.320 g (1 mmole) was refluxed in a solution of 0.1 g (2.5 mmole) NaOH for about 2 h. Mixed solution was cooled down to room temperature. It was stirred for a while by adding 1.5 mL concentrated HCl and water at equal volume. Precipitated solid product was filtered and washed with water again. It was crystallized from n-hexane/ ether. (0,28 g, 80%), mp 207 °C; IR (v, cm⁻¹): 3390 (b, --OH), 3057 (aromatic C--H), 2974 (aliph. C--H), 1732 (C=O, acide), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 13.75 (b, 1H, -OH), 8.18-6.35 (m, 9H, Ar-H), 2.27, 1.80 (s, 3H, Ar-CH₃), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 165.73 (C=O, acide), 144.21 (C₃), 143.55 (C₅), 141.55, 141.47, 138.54, 136.34, 131.72, 130.62, 129.48, 129.36, 127.45, 126.63, 122.52 (C₄), 21.63, 17.58 (Ar-CH₃).

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2.2.40. 1-(4-Benzoyl-1-(2,5-dimethylphenyl)-5-phenyl-1Hpyrazol-3-yl)-3-(2-hydroxy-4-methyl-phenyl)-propane-1,3dione (10)

Compound 2a of 0.403 g (1 mmole) was dissolved in pyridine (5 mL). the 2-hydroxy-4-methyl-acethophenone 0.150 g (1 mmole) was added and refluxed for 2 h. KOH (0.56 g. 10 mmole) was added to the reaction pot and refluxed for 2 h. During the second period of refluxing, the product was precipitated. After finishing the reaction, 3 M HCl 20 (mL) was added to the cooled solution for neutralizing. The formed precipitated product was filtered and the crude product was from n-hexane/chloroform by crystallization. (0.46 g, 70%), mp 184 °C; IR (v, cm⁻¹): 3229 cm⁻¹ (phenolic –OH), 3060 (aromatic C-H), 2929 (aliph. C-H), 1709 (C=O), 1637 (C=O, benzoyl), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ (ppm): 8.8 (br, enolform, -OH) 8.2-6.5 (m, Ar-H), 6.3 (enolform, C=CH), 5.5 (br, Ph-OH), 3.5 (s, ketoform -CH₂), 2.1, 1.7 (s, Ar-CH₃), 1.2 (Ph-CH₃), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ (ppm): 205.1, 195.0, 193.2 (C=O), 161.1, 145.6 (C₃), 144.3 (C₅), 139.8, 136.6, 135.2, 134.2, 133.1, 132.7, 131.2, 130.8, 130.1, 129.9, 129.2, 128.7, 118.2, 109.0 (C₄), 92.8 (enolform, =CH-), 45.1 (ketoform, CH₂), 27.0 (Ph-CH₃), 20.0, 17.0 $(Ar-CH_3)$, MS (m/z): Calc. = 528.2, Found = 528.2.

2.2.41. 2-(4-Benzoyl-1-(2,5-dimethylphenyl)-5-phenyl-1Hpyrazol-3-yl)-7-methyl-4H-chromen-4-one (11)

Compound **10** of 0.528 g (1 mmole) was dissolved in concentrated H₂SO₄ (2 mL). The reaction was stirred for 6 h at rt. After TLC monitoring, water (10 mL) was added partly to the mixture on ice bath. The formed precipitated product was filtered and the crude product was from ethanol by crystalization. (0,3 g, 75%), mp 215 °C; IR (v, cm⁻¹): 3060 (aromatic C–H), 2917 (aliph. C–H), 1709 (C=O), 1637 (C=O, benzoyl), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ (ppm): 7.8–7.0 (m, Ar–H), 6.4 (s, C=CH), 2.1, 1.8 (s, Ar–CH₃), 1.1 (s, Ph–CH₃), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ (ppm): 196.34 (C=O, benzoyl), 173.10 (C=O), 158.35, 146.28 (C₃), 143.35 (C₅), 143.13, 140.35, 135.61, 135.37, 132.82, 131.53, 131.19, 130.21, 129.61, 129.32, 129.10, 128.82, 128.44, 127.95, 126.62, 109.0 (C₄), 29.70 (CH₃), 23.03, 18.79 (Ar–CH₃), MS (*m*/*z*): Calc. = 510.19, Found = 510.2.

2.2.42. 1-(2,5-Dimethylphenyl)-5-phenyl-1H-pyrazole-3,4diyl)-(bisphenylmethanone) (12)

Compound 12 can be synthesized in two different methods.

Method A: Compound **2a** of 0.414 g (1 mmole) was dissolved in dry benzene and 0.33 g (2.5 mmole) AlCl₃was added to this solution. After cooling down of mixture which was refluxed for 3 h, organic phase was separated by adding some ether and ice water. Then ether was evaporated and the residue solid was crystallized from n-hexane/ether (0.27 g, 41%).

Method B: Compound **6** of 0.372 g (1 mmole) was dissolved in dry benzene and 0.33 g (2.5 mmole) AlCl₃ was added to this solution. After cooling down of mixture which was refluxed for 3 h, organic phase was separated by adding some ether and ice water. Then ether was evaporated and the residue solid was crystallized from n-hexane/ether. (0.2 g, 30%), mp 292 °C; IR (v, cm⁻¹): 3057, 3028 (aromatic C–H), 2923 (aliph. C–H), 1707 (C=O, benzoyl), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.67–6.52 (m, 18H, Ar–H), 2.06, 1.83 (s, 3H, Ar–CH₃), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 191.42, 189.38 (C=O, benzoyl), 145.24 (C₃), 144.55 (C₅), 140.66, 139.37, 138.39, 136.26, 133.74, 132.82, 131.41, 130.65, 129.73, 129.26, 129.09, 128.54, 128.37, 127.61, 127.43, 126.35, 109.24 (C₄), 21.31, 17.56 (Ar–CH₃). Anal. Cal. for C₃₁H₂₄N₂O₂ (456,53 g/mol): C, 81.56; H, 5.30; N, 6.14. Found: C, 81.50; H, 5.28; N, 6.19.

2.2.43. 2-(2,5-Dimethylphenyl)-3,4,7-triphenyl-2H-pyrazolo [4,3-d]pyridazine (13)

Compound **12** 0.456 g (1 mmole) was dissolved in dry toluene and 0.032 g (1 mmole) anhydrous hydrazine was added and refluxed for 5 h. Then, solvent was evaporated and 10 mL ether was added to residue product and stirred for an hour. Precipitated product was filtered and purified from ether/chloroform mixture by crystallization. (0,27 g, 70%), mp 241 °C; IR (v, cm⁻¹): 3030 (aromatic C–H), 2945 (aliph. C–H), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ (ppm): 7.76–6.38 (m, 18H, Ar–H), 2,06, 1.75 (s, 3H, Ar–CH₃), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ (ppm): 164.71 (C₇), 160.43(C₄), 148.68 (C-7a), 146.35 (C₃), 143.24, 141.52, 136.45, 135.07, 134.63, 133.89, 133.40, 132.21, 131.32, 130.91, 130.66, 130.15, 129.72, 129.31, 129.02, 128.80, 128.34, 128.09, 127.63, 127.47, 127.15, 109.12 (C-3a), 21.73, 18.86 (Ar–CH₃), MS (*m*/*z*): Calc. = 452.2, Found = 452.2.

2.2.44. 2-(2,5-Dimethylphenyl)-3-phenyl-5,6-dihydro-2Hpyrazolo[4,3-d] pyridazine-4,7-dione (14)

Compound **7a** 0.336 g (1 mmole) was dissolved in 10 mL dry toluene and anhydrous hydrazine was added at 1/1 mol rate. The mixture was refluxed for about 5 h. Precipitate white product was filtered and purified from n-hexane/chloroform mixture by crystallization. (0,2 g, 51%), mp 320 °C; IR (v, cm⁻¹): 3254(N–H), 3026 (aromatic C–H), 2947 (aliph. C–H), 1656 (C=O, amide), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ (ppm): 9.30, 9.13 (b, 1H, NH), 7.85–7.45 (m, 8H, Ar–H), 2.28, 1.80 (s, 3H, Ar–CH₃), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ (ppm): 165.49 (C₇), 163.50 (C₄), 145.21 (C-7a), 145.21 (C₃), 144.38 (C₄), 143.76, 136.27, 135.89, 132.64, 130.41, 129.73, 128.36, 127.48, 126.25 (C-3a), 22.15, 17.63 (Ar–CH₃), MS (*m*/*z*): Calc. = 332.1, Found = 332.1.

2.2.45. 2-(2,5-Dimethylphenyl)-3-phenyl-2H-pyrazolo[4,3-d] pyridazine-4,7-diamine (15)

Compound **8c** 0.372 g (1 mmole) was dissolved in 10 mL anhydrous ethanol. 0.016 g (0.5 mmole) anhydrous hydrazine was added and refluxed for 5 h. The solvent was evaporated and residue compound was washed with ether and water. The crude product was from ethanol by crystallization. (0,22 g, 75%), mp > 320 °C; IR (v, cm⁻¹): 3324 (–NH₂), 3058 (aromatic C–H), 2922 (aliph. C–H), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.18–6.35 (m, 8H, Ar–H), 4.89, 4.72 (C–NH), 2.28, 1.81 (s, 3H, Ar–CH₃), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 163.34 (C₇), 163.15 (C₄), 145.54 (C-7a), 144.39 (C₃), 136.09

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2.2.46. 2-(2,5-Dimethylphenyl)-3,4-diphenylpyrazolo[4,3d] [1,2]oxazin-7(2H)-one (**16**)

Compound **1a** 0.199 g (0.5 mmole) and excess of hydroxyl amine were heated 150 °C on an oil for 1 h. After cooling to room temperature, the resulting mixture was first washed with water then treated with ether and the formed precipitated product was filtered and the crude product was from n-hexane/chloroform by crystallization. (0.15 g, 65%), mp 130 °C; IR (v, cm⁻¹): 3057 (aromatic C–H), 2925 (aliph. C–H), 1684 (C₇), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ (ppm): 7.7–6.5 (m, 13H, Ar–H), 2.19, 1.72 (s, 3H, Ar–CH₃), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ (ppm): 164.61 (C₇), 162.13 (C₄), 144.21 (C₃), 141.39 (C₅), 137.12, 133.62, 131.52, 130.56, 130.21, 129.80, 129.14, 128.79, 126.32, 121.12, 109.15 (C-3a), 22.70, 17.09 (Ar–CH₃). Anal. Cal. for C₂₅H₁₉N₃O₂ (393.44 g/mol): C, 76.32; H, 4.87; N, 10.68. Found: C, 76.26; H, 4.86; N, 10.77.

2.2.47. 4-Benzoyl-1-(2-carboxy-5-methylphenyl)-5-phenyl-1Hpyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (17)

Compound 1a of 0.397 gr (1 mmole) was transferred to a flask. 0.524 g (2 mmole) Na₂Cr₂O₇ and 1,5 mL water were added the mixture was stirred at room temperature by an hour, 3 drops of 10 to 12 times with an interval of 15 min was added H₂SO₄ and mixed for 24 h and water was added. Then the crude precipitate was isolated by filtration and crystallized from DMSO to give 0.46 g (70%) of 17, mp 217 °C; IR (v, cm⁻¹): 3391 (b, -OH), 3051 (aromatic C-H), 2922 (aliph. C-H), 1713 (-OH, COOH), 1663 (C=O, benzoyl), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 10.2 (b, 1H, -OH), 7.9–6.5 (m, 13H, Ar–H), 1.81 (s, 3H, Ar–CH₃), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 191.44 (C=O, benzoyl), 162.74, 160.02 (C=O, acide), 144.73 (C₃), 144.39 (C₅), 139.90, 138.52, 137.30, 136.65, 135.48, 134.81, 132.80, 132.53, 129.66, 129.45, 129.13, 128.41, 127.38, 127.12, 125.32, 121.97 (C_4) , 18.84 (Ar-CH₃). Anal. Cal. for $C_{25}H_{18}N_2O_5$ (426,42 g/mol): C, 70.42; H, 4.25; N, 6.57. Found: C, 70.34; H, 4.24; N, 6.67.

2.2.48. 2-(2,5-Dimethylphenyl)-3-phenyl-2H-furo[3,4-c] pyrazole-4,6-dione (18)

Compound **5** of 0.336 g (1 mmole) was dissolved in a mixture of DMF (0.3 mL) and SOCl₂ (1.4 mL) and the reaction was stirred at 0–5 °C for 4 h. After heating to room temperature, stirring was continued overnight, then the reaction mixture was poured over crushed ice and the separated solid isolated by filtration, washed with water and crystallized from ethanol to give 0.18 g (49%), mp 170 °C; IR (v, cm⁻¹): 3025 (aromatic C–H), 2921 (aliph. C–H), 1684 (C₄, C₆ assoc.), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 7.71–7.05 (m, 8H, Ar–H), 2.32, 1.89 (s, 3H, Ar–CH₃), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 166.32 (C₄), 164.55 (C₆), 144.16 (C₃), 142.83 (C₅), 133.42, 132.36, 131.73, 130.92, 129.78, 129.15, 128.55, 128.22, 127.93, 126.88, 110.12 (C-3a), 23.24, 18.77 (Ar–CH₃), MS (*m/z*): Calc. = 318.1, Found = 318.1.

2.2.49. 2-(2,5-Dimethylphenyl)-3-phenylpyrrolo[3,4-c] pyrazole-4,6(2H,5H)-dione (19a)

Compound **18** of 0.159 g (0.5 mmole) was dissolved in 20 mL ethanol and 0.019 mL (1 mmole) ammonia was added to the reaction pot and refluxed for 48 h. The solvent was evaporated and residue compound was washed with ether and the formed precipitated product was filtered and the crude product was from ethanol by crystallization (0,13 g, 75%), mp 230 °C; IR (v, cm⁻¹): 3310 (N–H), 3053–3025 (aromatic C–H), 2917 (aliph. C–H), 1661 (C₄, C₆), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ (ppm): 10.01 (s, 1H, NH), 8.07–6.42 (m, 8H, Ar–H), 1.86, 1.28 (s, 3H, Ar–CH₃), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO) δ (ppm): 168.24 (C₆), 165.30 (C₄), 144.51 (C₃), 142.14 (C₅), 137.41, 135.13, 133.35, 131.41, 130.41, 129.82, 129.69, 128.55, 127.26, 125.37, 112.71 (C-3a), 23.30, 20.51 (Ar–CH₃), MS (*m*/*z*): Calc. = 317.1, Found = 317.1.

2.2.50. 2-(2,5-Dimethylphenyl)-5-ethyl-3-phenylpyrrolo[3,4-c] pyrazole-4,6(2H,5H)-dione (19b)

Compound **18** of 0.159 g (0.5 mmole) was dissolved in 20 mL ethanol and 0.045 g (1 mmole) ethyl amine was added to the reaction pot and refluxed for 48 h. The solvent was evaporated and residue compound was washed with ether and the formed precipitated product was filtered and the crude product was from ethanol by crystallization. (0,15 g, 74%), mp 230 °C; IR (v, cm⁻¹): 3000 (aromatic C–H), 2914 (aliph. C–H), 1700 (C₄, C₆), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 8.07–6.43 (m, 8H, Ar–H), 4.26 (q, 2H, CH₂), 2,33, 1.76 (s, 3H, Ar–CH₃), 1.35 (t, 3H, CH₃), ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (ppm): 167.29 (C₆), 164.35 (C₄), 143.57 (C₃), 141.04 (C₅), 137.12, 135.30, 133.38, 131.36, 130.24, 130.09, 129.71, 129.36, 128.70, 125.81, 109.41 (C-3a), 51.32 (CH₂), 20.13, 17.80 (Ar–CH₃), 13.50 (CH₃), MS (*m*/*z*): Calc. = 345.1, Found = 345.1.

3. Results and discussion

3.1. Chemistry

4-Acyl-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acids 1a,b, which were our starting compounds, were synthesized via the reaction of furandiones **F** with hydrazone (1-benzylidene-2-(2,5-dimethylphenyl)-hydrazine) by heating in without any solvent media, and its acid chlorides 2a,b were obtained absolutely. Then these novel derivatives were converted into the corresponding derivatives such as the ester, ureid and amide (Scheme 1). In addition, the other pyrazole derivatives that were outlined in the Scheme 1 were obtained with miscellaneous reactants under mild reaction conditions. All newly synthesized compounds were confirmed by spectroscopic methods which are in agreement with our previous findings [52].

Pyrazole-3-carbonyl-urea derivatives **3** g,h,i,s,t,u were synthesized by means of the reaction between acid chlorides **2a**, **b** and urea derivatives in the usual way [51]. Moreover, thioureide derivatives **3** k,l were prepared by two chemical procedures, both the reaction of the amine derivatives (NH₃, Et-NH₂) with pyrazole-3-carbonyl isothiocyanate **3** g and the reaction of the acid chloride **2a** with thiourea derivatives.

In the case of pyrazole-3-carbonyl isothiocyanate 3j, the correct structure was established by ¹³C NMR spectroscopy



Scheme 1 The ester, ureid and the amide derivatives of pyrazole-carboxylic acids 1a,b.

in which characteristic C=O peaks were observed at δ 190, 183 ppm and N=C=S peak was observed at δ 147 ppm.

Pyrazole ring which has functional group such as carbonyls, esters, carboxylic acids and nitriles in the vicinal positions is a convenient starting material for further reactions of pyrazole to build the pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyridazine system [51]. The pyrazole acids **1a,b** were cyclized with variable hydrazines to yield pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyridazinone derivatives **4a-n** (Scheme 2). Structure elucidations of **4a-n** are mainly based upon ¹³C NMR spectroscopy. Signals of carbon atoms of the pyrazolo-pyridazine rings are assigned at about ~160.0 (C-7), ~145.0 (C-7a), ~143.0 (C-3), ~140.0 (C-4) and ~110.0 (C-3a) ppm.

5-Phenyl-1-(2,5-dimethyl-phenyl)-*1H*-pyrazole-3,4-dicarboxylic acid **5** that is the main output compound was prepared from the basic hydrolysis of **1b** in high yield (85%). The structure of **5** was clarified with two carboxylic acid proton signals at δ 10.37 and δ 9.88 ppm, and two carbonyl carbon signals at



Scheme 2 Cyclization of pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyridazinone derivatives.

δ 167.8 and δ 164.6 ppm and the characteristic IR absorption bands at 3392–2600 cm⁻¹ (COOH), 3058, 3022 cm⁻¹ (Ar–C–H), 1716, 1670 cm⁻¹ (acid, C=O).

All ester derivatives (**3a**, **3b**, **3m**, **3n**, **7a**, **7b**) of this study were obtained in two different methods which are the Schotten-Baumann and Fischer esterification. Diamide and diureide derivatives **7c-g** were obtained via reactions of **6** with various amine and urea derivatives (Scheme 3).

The pyrazolo-carbodiamide **7e** and pyrazolo-carboamide **3c**, **3o** derivatives were treated with a mixture of DMF and SOCl₂ at -5 °C for 2 h to give pyrazolo-carbonitrile **8** derivatives (Scheme 4). Characteristic ¹³C NMR and IR signal of the nitrile group(s) in **8a–c** are found at 107–116 ppm and 2162–2207 cm⁻¹, respectively (see Experimental).

Regio-specific decarboxylation of **5** at high temperature (200 °C) revealed that nitrogen atom of pyrazole adjacent to carbon atom is a driving force for decarboxylation probably due to the hydrogen bonding between lone pair of nitrogen and hydrogen atom of the carboxylic acid. The formation of decarboxylated pyrazole **9c** was confirmed by basic hydrolysis of **9b** followed by decarboxylation of **1b** (Scheme 5) [59].

One of the most important examples for further derivatization of 4-acyl-pyrazolo-3-carboxylic acids which includes the reactions of corresponding pyrazolo-3-carbonyl chloride with 4-methyl-2-hydroxy-acethophenone in basic media was reported by our research group [60]. The mechanistic details of rearrangement reaction were displayed in our former study. To repeat this reaction with a new pyrazole acid, **2a** was reacted with 4-methyl-2-hydroxy-acethophenone under basic condition at room temperature. Forming of **10** was explained with Baker–Venkataraman rearrangement in one-pot as an instance of domino reaction [61]. Further reaction of **10** included the cyclization to obtain pyrazol-3-methyl-4Hchromen **11** after removing H_2O using H_2SO_4 (See Scheme 6).

On the other hand, 3,4-dibenzoyl-pyrazole 12 was synthesized from two different compounds by Friedel–Crafts acylation. Refluxing of corresponding derivatives 2a and 6 in dry benzene with AlCl₃ as catalyst resulted in the formation of



Scheme 3 Pyrazole-3,4-dicarboxylic acid and further derivatives.



Scheme 4 Synthetic route of pyrazolo-carbo(di)nitrile derivatives.



Scheme 5 Decarboxylation of synthesized carboxylic acids.

12. In continuation of the reaction, 3,4-dibenzoyl-pyrazole **12** was cyclized using anhydrous hydrazine to furnish pyrazolo [4,3-d]pyridazine **13** (Scheme 7).

Pyrazolo-pyridazine derivatives have shown biological activities such as antimicrobial, antiinflammatory and analgesic activities [62]. Therefore, in addition to 4, we synthesized various derivatives of pyrazolo-pyridazine 13, 14, 15 by several different methods (Scheme 8). Reaction of 7a with anhydrous hydrazine in dry toluene led to the formation of the 2-(2,5-di methylphenyl)-3-phenyl-5,6-dihydro-2H-pyrazolo[4,3-d]pyrida zine-4,7-dione 14. Structure of this compound was confirmed with spectral data especially mass spectrum (See Experiments). The mass spectra showed the presence of molecular ion peak M^+ at m/e 332.1. Furthermore, as a result of cyclization of pyrazole-3,4-dicarbonitrile 8c under reflux condition of ethanol with anhydrous hydrazine, 4,7-diamino-pyrazolo[3,4-*d*] pyridazine 15 occurred at 75% yield (Scheme 8). Structure elucidation of 15 is mainly based on ¹³C NMR spectroscopy. Peaks at 163.34 (C-7), 163.15 (C-4), 145.54 (C-7a) and 114.18 (C-3a) ppm are assigned to carbon atoms of the pyridazine ring of 15.

Reaction of the acid 1a with excess hydroxylamine hydrochloride under solid phase, inside an oil-bath at approximately 150–155 °C led to the formation of the pyrazolo[4,3-*d*] oxazinone 16 (Scheme 9). Confirming of structure of 16 is based on particularly elemental analysis and the other spectral data (see Experimental).

Methyl groups at benzene ring were subjected to oxidize to reach another carboxylic acid group which might give more soluble pyrazole in water. To serve this purpose, oxidizing reagent, $Na_2Cr_2O_7$, was applied and surprisingly, it was observed that only one methyl group was oxidized. According to chemical shift of functional groups, we found out that *orto*substituted methyl group was only oxidized to carboxylic acid [63]. This might be because of the facts that free lone pair of nitrogen atom close to the ortho-methyl group serves as a ligand for metal (Scheme 9).

As a result of dehydration of **5** in DMF/SOCl₂ at $-5 \,^{\circ}$ C, furo[3,4-c]pyrazole-4,6-dione **18** compound was occurred at 49% yield. This compound is remarkably stable (mp 170 $^{\circ}$ C) and the structure of **18** obtained in this way was confirmed by analytical and spectral data (see experimental). In the mass spectra, molecular ion peak M⁺ appeared at *m/e* 318.1 (75%).

Moreover, furandione ring in compound **18** was converted into pyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrazoledione derivatives **19** via a reaction with ammonia and ethyl amine in ethanol. This type of heterocyclic ring is not found in the literature interested in 4-acylpyrazole derivatives so far. Structure elucidation of these compounds were done by spectroscopic data (**18** m/e: 317.1 (50%), **19** m/e: 345.1 (75%)) (Scheme 10).

3.2. Biological evaluation (antibacterial activities)

The *in vitro* antibacterial activities of novel synthesized compounds were determined against gram-positive bacteria including *Bacillus subtilis* and *Staphylococcus aureus* and gramnegative bacteria including *Escherichia coli, Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and *Klebsiella pneumonia* via using well diffusion method (zone inhibition) [64,65]. Briefly, a bacterial suspension was added to sterile nutrient agar at 45 °C and the mixture



Scheme 6 Synthesis of pyrazol-3-methyl-4H-chromen 11.



Scheme 7 Further reactions for pyrazolo-carbonyl chloride 2a and 6.



Scheme 8 Formation of new pyrazolo-pyridazine derivatives via different compounds.

was poured into Petri dish on a horizontally levelled surface. After the medium was solidified, wells of dish were made in the agar medium. Subsequently $25 \,\mu$ l, $50 \,\mu$ l, and $100 \,\mu$ l of the newly synthesized compounds suspensions were loaded

into the wells separately. The Petri dishes were incubated at 37 °C for 1 day in an oven. Experiments were carried out in triplicate and average zone diameters were measured. Compounds showing growth inhibition zones (≥ 9 mm) were replicated using the two fold serial dilution technique. *Erythromycin* (15 mg), *Rifampicin* (5 mg) and *Amikacin* (10 mg) antibiotics were used as positive control. Dimethylsulfoxide was used as control and no visible inhibition zone was observed on control groups. The solutions of all compounds were prepared in double distilled water.

As presented in Table 1, some of the newly synthesized compounds showed the minimal inhibitory concentrations (MIC, μ g/mL) and inhibition zone (mm) against all the screened gram-positive bacteria and gram-negative bacteria. It can be seen on Fig. 2 that some of the compounds 2a, 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 3e, 3g, 3i, 2b, 4h, 4m, 4n, 4l, 8b, 19a, 19b showed higher activity than *Amikacin* against *S. aureus* (MIC, 25–100 µg/mL). Compounds 2a, 2b, 4a, 4b, 4c, 4d, 4h, 4m, 4n, 6, 7f, 15, 19a, 19b displayed higher antimicrobial activities than *Rifampicin* (reference drug) against the *P. aeruginosa* bacteria (Fig. 3). Compounds 2a, 4a and 4l exhibited more inhibitory activities than *Amikacin* against *K. Pneumonia*, a gramnegative bacterium (MIC 100 µg/mL) among all compounds tested. On the other hand, compounds 2a, 3e, 3f, 4f, 4g, 4m and 4n exhibited more inhibitory activities than *Amikacin*



Scheme 9 Further reactions of the pyrazole-acid 1a.



Scheme 10 Embodiment of furo[3,4-c]pyrazole 18 and pyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrazole 19.

Compound No	MIC ^a in µg/mL and zone of inhibition (mm) Bacteria				
	B. subtilis	S. aureus	E. coli	P. aeruginosa	K. pneumonie
	la	100 (9)	100 (9)	_b	_
2a	50 (12)	100 (11)	50 (10)	25 (10)	100 (11)
2b	50 (11)	100 (10)	100 (10)	50 (9)	50 (10)
3e	50 (13)	100 (10)	100 (10)	_	50 (10)
3f	100 (12)	50 (10)	50 (10)	_	50 (10)
3h	100 (10)	-	-	_	-
3i	100 (10)	100 (10)	100 (9)	_	50 (9)
3j	100 (9)	100 (9)	50 (9)	_	-
3k	100 (9)	-	100 (9)	_	-
31	100 (9)	-	100 (9)	_	-
4a	50 (10)	50 (10)	50 (9)	100 (9)	100 (11)
4b	100 (10)	50 (9)	_	50 (9)	50 (9)
4c	50 (9)	50 (9)	50 (10)	50 (9)	_
4d	50 (9)	50 (9)	50 (10)	50 (9)	-
4 e	25 (11)	50 (11)	50 (11)	_	-
4f	50 (14)	50 (11)	25 (10)	_	50 (9)
4g	25 (13)	50 (12)	50 (10)	_	50 (9)
4h	50 (10)	50 (10)	50 (9)	50 (10)	50 (9)
4m	25 (13)	50 (13)	50 (12)	50 (10)	100 (10)
4n	25 (13)	50 (12)	50 (11)	100 (9)	50 (10)
41	50 (11)	100 (11)	50 (11)	100 (10)	100 (11)
6	100 (10)	50 (9)	100 (12)	100 (9)	50 (9)
7e	100 (10)	-	-	_	-
7f	100 (11)	_	_	100 (9)	_
7g	100 (10)	100 (9)	50 (9)	_	-
8a	100 (10)	_		_	100 (9)
8b	100 (9)	50 (10)	_	_	100 (9)
8c	100 (9)		100 (9)	_	100 (9)
9c	100 (9)	_	-	_	_
10	50 (10)	100 (9)	_	_	_
12	50 (9)	-	100 (10)	_	50 (9)
15	100 (9)	_	50 (10)	100 (9)	-
16	100 (10)	50 (9)	50 (10)		-
17	100 (10)	100 (9)	-	-	-
18	100 (10)	-	-	-	-
19a	100 (11)	50 (10)	50 (11)	50 (10)	50 (9)
19b	100 (11)	100 (10)	50 (11)	100 (10)	50 (9)
Ref. drugs					
Erythromycin	100 (20)	100 (21)	100 (19)	100 (19)	100 (19)
Rifampicin	100 (21)	100 (18)	100 (18)	100 (8)	100 (19)
Amikacin	100 (11)	100 (9)	100 (13)	100 (14)	100 (10)

^a MIC: Minimal inhibitory concentration values with SEM = 0,02.

^b (–): Totally inactive (no inhibition).





Figure 2 Antibacterial activity of against *Staphylococcus aureus* bacteria.



against *B. subtilis*, gram-positive bacteria. Also reference drugs showed more inhibitory activities than all of the newly synthesized compounds against *E. coli* bacteria. Additionally, *Erythromycin* showed more inhibitory activity than all of the newly synthesized compounds against all tested organisms. On the other hand, compounds **2b**, **3t**, **4e**, **4l**, **19a** and **19b** were equipotent to *Amikacin* in inhibiting the growth of *B. subtilis*. Also compounds **2b**, **3e**, **3f**, **4m** and **4n** were equipotent to *Amikacin* in inhibiting the growth of *K. pneumonia*.

Finally, it can be suggested that these newly synthesized compounds might have potential antibacterial activity owing to containing pyrazole, pyridazine, oxazine and pyrrole rings. Besides among these series, some compounds that contain chlorine, fluorine groups at different position to the phenyl ring showed similar activities compared to the reference drugs. The compounds containing electron withdrawing substituents at different position such as chlorine and fluorine showed good activity against P. aeruginosa and S. Aureus. Our results indicate that substituents containing different groups such as chlorine, fluorine, methyl and NO2 are able to increase the biological activities of compounds. In conclusion, the substituted pyrazoles showed a wide variety of biological and pharmacological activities and might have a wide application both in pharmaceuticals and in the agricultural industry. Therefore, the methods developed for the synthesis of these compounds are becoming more important.

4. Conclusions

We have gathered a lot of new derivatives of 4-acyl-pyrazole in a single work. All of our synthesized compounds have one or two important rings and so, we think that these derivatives may occupy a vital place in pharmaceutical fields. Besides, according to the *in vitro* studies, some of our promising compounds might be new candidates as new generation antibacterial drugs.

Declaration of interest

The authors report no declarations of interest.

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